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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Supplement to the Pueblo Situation No. 10
(As of 1730 EST)

1. A Soviet Foreign Ministry official, discussing the Pueblo case with Senator Mondale in Moscow today, strongly indicated that the USSR wanted the matter to be settled amicably.

2. The Soviet official is deputy head of the American Section of the Foreign Ministry. He claimed to be personally familiar with the case and probably is, since he was present when Gromyko saw Ambassador Thompson, also today. He made the following points to the senator:

a. The USSR did not know about or prompt the event;
b. they regretted it;
c. the vessel was apprehended within Wonsan Bay which had been declared territorial waters by North Korea;
d. the vessel had been approached by North Korean craft and asked to leave, but refused to do so:*
e. while he was not personally sure of the facts he thought the wounded on the Pueblo were wounded not by gunfire but probably as a result of an accident while destroying secret documents and equipment.

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